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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE,
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1. SINCE AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING TO BE IN US ON LEAVE DURING PERIOD OF CONFERENCE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR BREMENT WILL ALSO BE AWAY ON HOME LEAVE, AND POST INSPECTION LIKELY TO BEGIN AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR DCM MATLOCK TO LEAVE MOSCOW IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE. WE OF COURSE VERY MUCH REGRET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PRECLUDE HIS PARTICIPATING.

2. EMBASSY WILL BE REPRESENTED BY E/C COUNSELOR SKOUG AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE DIRECTOR FARRAND. SKOUG PREPARED TO COVER FOLLOWING ITEMS KEYED TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFTEL: A) COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE ON USSR; B) FIELD VIEW ON PROSPECTS FOR OECD INITIATIVES; C) MODERATOR OF PANEL ON AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS AND PARTICIPANT IN WORKSHOP ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT; D) PANELIST ON PRC-USSR RELATIONS. FARRAND PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE C) WORKSHOP ON TRADE PROMOTION AND PROBLEMS AND D) PANELIST ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION/COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS (VICE SKOUG) AND ACCREDITATION OF US FIRMS/
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LIMITATIONS ON COMMERCIAL TRAVEL, DESPITE FACT THAT THESE

LAST TWO ARE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS ON SEPT 30. POST ASSUMES THAT EUR/SOV DEPUTY DIRECTOR EDGAR CAN PROVIDE BACK-UP AS APPROPRIATE TO THE PRESENTATIONS OF MOSCOW OFFICERS.

3. POST UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED OFFERING SERVICES OF EMBASSY OFFICERS TO BRIEF US RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING FACILITY IN GARMISCH ON OCTOBER 1. WE ARE PREPARED TO OBLIGATE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY CONFIRMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. SKOUG, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN (AGES 12 AND 6), AND FARRAND PLANNING TO TAKE OS-602 ARRIVING VIENNA 1745 ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND TO DRIVE TO GARMISCH BY RENTED CAR, ARRIVING SEPT 25. (WILL ARRANGE OWN ACCOMMODATIONS SEPT 25). REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH DEPT OFFICER (DAY) BE MADE FOR SKOUG FAMILY NIGHTS SEPT 26-30 INCLUSIVE. FARRAND DESIRES SINGLE WITH BATH. STOESEL

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